

EXHIBIT 10
DATE 2-20-09
HB 488

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61st Legislature
House Education Committee
State Capitol, Room 137
Helena, MT 59620

Re: HB 0488 A Bill For an Act Entitled: "An Act Revising Territory Transfer Laws Relating to School Districts; Amending Section 20-6-105, MCA; And Providing An Immediate Effective Date."

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

We are writing to express our support of HB 488, sponsored by Representative Llew Jones, which would allow taxpayers who reside in School District #19 to transfer their property tax dollars to School District #10.

Our property is located in School District #19 but our children attend school in School District #10 and have all of their school years excluding 1. Our property is on the border of School District #10 and #19. School District #10 agreed to drive up to that boundary line to pick our children up as part of the bus route, along with other children who live in School District #19 consisting of at least five (5) other families.

All of business and work is done in Conrad, which was only 15 miles from our home where Dutton consists of 24 miles from our home.

When Dutton and Brady consolidated, we didn't mind paying taxes knowing that it went to support the Brady school; however when the Brady school was closed all of our property tax dollars went to Teton County for the Dutton School only. Dutton School is school that isn't even in Pondera County it is in Teton County. It is time our property taxes support the school that our children attend.

This bill clearly provides the opportunity for landowners to remove their taxes from one school district to the school district that supported their children or their families' children during a time when the school needs it most.

This legislation is necessary to undo that unfortunate situation. Thank you for your time and energy put forth in this matter.


Tammie J. Fagan


Thomas J. Fagan

2-19-09

To whom it may concern,

My wife and I have a farm 7 miles east of Brady and we have 2 kids. We are in the Dutton/Brady district but our kids go to the Conrad school district. There is a bus that goes by our house but it is a Dutton/Brady bus and it only has a couple kids on it at most. We have to drive our kids to the bus and pick them up everyday (just like a lot of other folks in this area). It is about 20 miles round trip. We also do all of our personal and farm business in Conrad. I also attended the Conrad School system when I was growing up and my parents always drove us to school or we had to drive when we were old enough drive. While that is a big inconvenience, we are more concerned about our tax dollars not going to the school district that our kids go to. We can't change that because of the way the law is now and it needs to go back to the way it was. We would like to be able to petition our land out of the Dutton/Brady district and place it into the Conrad district. Most all of the families around us are in the same position as us and I'm sure that they would support this bill as well.

This bill makes perfect sense. Please support and vote for it.

Sincerely,

Jim Bartsch
Tammy Bartsch
6788 Brady Rd
Brady, MT 59416

To: Representative Llew Jones
House District 27

Re: HB 488

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Our family members, and those of the others in the district desiring to be transferred, have attended, graduated, and continue to be in attendance in this district. We are wanting our tax dollars to be supportive of the school system we support and attend. The location of our taxable properties are closest to the district currently NOT receiving these dollars.

Thank you.

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Gordon Schlegel

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Cheryl Schless
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